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Communication of 22 February 1999 Received From the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the International Atomic Energy Agency

1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a communication from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus concerning a Note of 28 January 1999 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus which provides information about the nuclear export policies and practices of Belarus.
2. In light of the wish expressed in the Note, its text is attached hereto.

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Attachment 1

Text of the Communication of 22 February 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus

I have the honour to forward herewith to you the Note of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, regarding the adherence of Belarus to the Guidelines of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

I request to circulate the text of this Note to all IAEA Member States for their information in the Agency's Information Circular.

Sincerely yours,

Valyantsin Fisenka
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Belarus to the
International
Organizations in Vienna

22 February 1999

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Attachment 2

Text of the Note of 28 January 1999 Received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus presents its compliments to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit communication concerning Belarus' nuclear policies and practices.

The Republic of Belarus adheres to international nuclear non-proliferation policies and major non-proliferation agreements in this field - The Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials. The Republic of Belarus is one of the four former Soviet successor states to the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles and the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems.

In 1995 Belarus signed the Safeguards Agreements with IAEA. In 1996 Belarus established the state system on accounting, control and physical protection of nuclear materials. In January 1998 the Republic of Belarus adopted the Export Control Law which further strengthened the government control over transfers of strategic materials, including nuclear ones.

While establishing the National Export Control System in the early 1990 the Government of Belarus decided to consider any transfer of nuclear materials, equipment and related technology, including nuclear related dual-use equipment, material and technology, in accordance with the provisions of INFCIRC/254/Part 1 and Part 2, as well as pertinent guidelines and their annexes.

The Government of Belarus requests the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate the text of this note to all IAEA Member States for their information and as a demonstration of support of the Agency's non-proliferation objectives and safeguards activities by the Republic of Belarus.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

28 January 1999
